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**TO:** All CRCC Staff

FROM: Andrew Sawyer, Incident Commander,

**SUBJECT:** CRCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

On May 14, 2021, Coyote Ridge corrections Center (CRCC) confirmed that one (1) incarcerated individual at the MSC, G Unit A pod had tested positive. On May 20, 2021, five (5) additional positives were identified out of G unit A pod. As a result of those positives test results, and per Department protocol, CRCC G unit is considered to be on Limited Area Outbreak Status.

CRCC-MSU Sage East has been released from quarantine status; however, Sage West remains on limited outbreak status pending test results.

CRCC continues to house individuals that transfer in from other facilities in B unit A pod for transfer separation as per the Department protocol. Individuals will remain on transfer separation for 10 days and must have 2 negative COVID tests before being released to general population. However, as per protocol if an individual has been COVID positive within the last 90 days they are not required to participate in the transfer separate and may be released directly to general population.

While Sage West and G unit A pod have remained quarantined and unable to participate in visitation, the rest of the facility continues with normal operations.

Individuals in medical isolation or quarantine are allowed a JPay player, Hygiene items, Comfort items, Chain Bag with clothing, Store, Religious items, and Address Book. Items in addition to these will be vetted on a case by case basis, by the area Correctional Unit Supervisor.

Incarcerated individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 will be released from isolation when they are no longer showing symptoms for a period of 14 days and any additional protocols identified in the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, ensuring to follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized.

Thank you for your commitment to each other's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.